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## REPORT OF THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR OR STATE CONVENTION, HELD AT KOKOMO, IND.

To the members and officers of the Christian Endeavor Society of Grace Church:

We had the pleasure of meeting Rev. Dr. Clark, the "Father" of the Christian Endeavor Society at this convention. He was a messenger that brought glad tidings to us from the whole world. He had lately attended great meetings in Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota, South Dakota, North Dakota, Illinois, and Nebraska. He reported that it was a source of great joy to see the steady growth of the Christian Endeavor spirit.

He also reported good news from the 150 societies in Great Britain and from the 200 societies in Australia.

Rev. J. Z. Tyler delivered an address on the "Christian Endeavor Movement."

He said the three great committees were the Lookout, the Prayer Meeting and the Entertainment. These should receive first attention, other committees could be arranged according to the demand of the field.

Some people say there are too many societies, and that they are killing the church, but churches do not die in that way. The local, state and national unions, were not formed to do some great work outside of the church, but were organized for the following three reasons: First, for fellowship; second, for an exchange and discussion of methods and plans for work; third, for the inspiration which delegates to these conventions may receive and carry home with them to the local societies and their churches.

The report of the State Secretary, Miss Wishard, of Indianapolis, was full of interesting facts. During the last year there was a gain of 242 societies in the state. Forty-two more than during the previous year. There are now 632 societies in the state, and a total membership of 31,000. Through the work and influence of 126 societies, 825 members were brought into the church during the year. One society reported that through its agency sixty-three mem-

bers had been gathered into the church.

While the past years has been rich in blessing, the future is richer in opportunity and privilege, and if we are faithful greater blessings shall be ours.

Dr. Rondthaler, of Indianapolis, spoke on "Christian Endeavor Workers." He said they should not rest content with the great victories won, but should press on with greater vigor to nobler and grander results, than those of the societies' brief and glorious past. This address was profitable to the young, and to the old in whose hearts the freshness of youth still lingers.

The subject, "Shall the World's Fair be Opened?" was discussed by the convention. Rev. R. V. Hunter said, God gave us the Sabbath and therefore we should keep it holy. It is the day sacred to all Christians. They love it, and it is the Christian's friend. All Americans and all Christians should vigorously oppose the opening of the Fair on the Sabbath.

Many of the Christian Endeavor societies are conducting the Sabbath evening services, and thus are making themselves useful to their pastors. The midweek prayer meeting service is the thermometer of the Church. It registers accurately the spirituality of the church.

When the State Secretary announced that the convention of '92 would be held in Fort Wayne, there was a scene of wild enthusiasm among the Northern Ind. delegates. The President thanked the convention and committee in a very happy manner for giving us the convention next year.

The State motto is, "Indiana for Christ." And now let all work together in the future, and let our local motto be: "Fort Wayne for Christ." God giving us strength, let us do what we can for our Master. "In victory then, shall we triumph, O comrades, When the ends of the earth shall the mighty tones send,  
As the Master shall call, "Come up higher, my children,  
Who fell in the conflict for Christ and the Church."

LILLIE VORDERMARK.

The ladies netted about \$100 on Thanksgiving day.

Mr. Charles Gumper and Miss Emma Neireiter were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Neireiter, 269 West Washington Street, Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 9th. A pleasant and happy little company of guests, immediate friends of the contracting parties were present to witness the ceremony and to enjoy the marriage festivities. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. M. Schaaf, assisted by the pastor. At 5 p. m. Mr. and Mrs. Gumper took the train for Chicago, where they intend spending a week or more. After their return to the city they will reside with Mr. and Mrs. Neireiter. Both these young people are members of Grace Church. Mr. Gumper was received at our last communion service. Mrs. Gumper has been of our most efficient consecrated young people for a number of years. For two years and more she has been secretary of the Ladies' Society, and has been an earnest worker in the Young People's Society, as well as a devoted teacher in the Sunday-school. Our young friends enjoy the esteem and love of the whole church, and all wish them a happy and prosperous future.

Alexander Baltz, residing near New Era, a member of the Salem Reformed Church, died Nov. 25th. He had been failing in health for more than a year past, and for most of this time was in great distress. He was patient and resigned, and fully prepared for death. Was aged 40 years 10 months and three days. We were sorry that we could not attend the funeral, or comply with his urgent request. The bereaved wife and children have our sympathy and prayers.

There will be services at the Church on Christmas morning at 10 o'clock. Immediately after the service there will be a business meeting of the Ladies' Missionary Society.

Mrs. Zartman has been confined to her room for nearly two months. Her recovery has been very slow and tedious.

If you have not paid your subscription for the Visitor for '91, do so at once.



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With this issue the Visitor completes its third volume. We are grateful to our readers and patrons for their co-operation with us in our work, and for their support. The next issue of the Visitor may not appear until the middle or later part of January. We shall aim, to make the paper during the coming year as helpful to the church as possible. Give us your help and patronage in the future, as you have in the past. We wish all our readers and friends a pleasant and merry holiday season.

## MISSIONS.

For the benefit of many of the members of Grace Church who are not readers of the Christian World, we publish below an article written by Rev. D. S. Fousse, and which appeared in our church paper under date Dec. 10. Our people will all be glad to hear such encouraging words from the Superintendent of Missions.

"From the Marmont charge we came by way of Plymouth to Fort Wayne where is to be our next field of operations. We knew that we were going into a mission field where we must not expect too much and yet we felt that the good people of the mission would not fail to do their part for our work. Brother Daniel Souder met us at the depot and took us to the Rich house where we were splendidly entertained by Brother Paulus who, while he is one of the proprietors of the hotel, is also one of the elders in the mission.

"We now learned for the first time of the very serious illness of Mrs. Zartman, the wife of the pastor. She has at this writing been confined to her room for more than four weeks. At one time her recovery was a matter of grave doubt, but when last heard from she was growing stronger, but very slowly. The sickness has kept Brother Zartman in the sick room for these weeks and will likely continue to do so for some time to come.

This has also kept him from his work in the mission, which, however, can easily be endured if only her life

is spared to her husband, and the church which she so much loved. We spent the greater part of a week in the mission and in the absence of the pastor conducted services on Sunday morning and Wednesday evening, as well as Thanksgiving services on Thursday morning. In this way we became pretty well acquainted with the people of the mission and saw considerable of the prospects of the field. The mission has a lot, a large one, centrally located on East Washington street. It is only a few squares from the center of the city and has erected on it a very comfortable chapel and a commodious parsonage. There is no debt on this property excepting on the parsonage which is being gradually reduced and is not a burden on the mission. The mission was started in 1883 and therefore has a history of nine years or less. It now numbers two hundred members, while the outlook for the future is good. There have been in the past and are now some unpleasant things connected with this mission. But we cannot see how this may not be easily overcome and the mission move forward with good success. Brother Zartman and wife have been doing hard work here. From what we can learn they have been unceasing in their labors while among this people and whatever of a discouraging nature may be met with, let them still keep steadily to the work and success will crown their efforts.

"From all we could see the people stand by their pastor and are a working people. The main church building is the aim now. Whether this will be erected next year or five years hence matters not, but that it is coming in the near future cannot be doubted. And when it is erected it will doubtless be a building that will be a credit to all concerned in its erection. On Thanksgiving, as is their custom, these people gathered for service in the morning and after the service partook of a Thanksgiving dinner. No need for us to say anything in praise of that dinner as any one can imagine what kind it was. A good social time was enjoyed by all, while a good sum was gathered for the church treasury. As these people were gathering funds for their church building we did not like to urge upon them too much to give to the cause which we represented. But as they receive benefits from the board it would be but natural that they should feel like favoring the board somewhat. "This they did by giving us \$58 in

cash for our cause. We were thankful for the amount and know very well that if we had urged the matter somewhat the sum would have been much larger. Brother Souder and wife were especially liberal, and to them and Elder Paulus we are especially indebted for many favors. While here we visited the Orphans' Home. Father Rettig we found in the midst of his large family contented and happy. A good home indeed for the orphan children of the church. Had we space we would like to say more about this home. D. S. F.

"BLUFFTON, IND., Dec. 1, 1891."

The Yearly Statements have been issued to the members of the church showing the amount of subscriptions for the year, and the amount paid up to Dec. 10th, and what will be due the church by Dec. 31st. It is hoped that all will pay their subscriptions in full before the year closes, so that the Treasurer will be able to meet all the expenses of the church before he makes his annual report on New Year's Day. Subscription cards have also been enclosed with the Yearly Statement Cards. Please fill these out according to the directions on the cards and return them at once to any member of the Consistory. It will be a small matter for each member to attend to these things, and thus save the Consistory the time and work of making a special canvas of the church to secure subscriptions for the ensuing year. Let us give to the Lord as he has been pleased to give unto us, and we shall have no difficulty in meeting the current expenses of the church during the next year.

The Sunday school will have its Christmas entertainment on Christmas evening. Every person is invited to these exercises. Envelopes have been distributed to the scholars of the Sunday school, and to the members of the Church for their offerings. Let us not forget the Lord's cause during this season of giving and receiving. Bring your offerings to the Church on Christmas evening.

The gentlemen of the Church will give a New Year's Social and Supper at the Church parlors on New Year's Eve. They will also arrange for an entertainment for the evening. Supper from 5 to 9—25 cents.

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Mrs. Martha McClure passed quietly away at an early hour on Tuesday morning Dec. 15th. For many months past she had been a great sufferer from the dread disease of cancer of the face. More than six months ago it was thought that she could not live but a very short time. But she recovered somewhat from her weakened condition then, and the disease continued its fatal work until this late date. During all this prolonged illness, and suffering this mother was resigned and patient. She endured her affliction with the fortitude of a true and devoted child of God. For a year past she has felt assured that she could find no relief from her disease and that sooner or later strength and life must succumb. It was a marvel to witness with what a spirit of patience she waited for the hour of her deliverance and when she might be at rest and peace forever. Mrs. McClure was born at Huntington Furnace, Pa., Feb. 25th, 1816. Aged at her death 75 years, 9 months and 20 days. She was the mother of eleven children, nine sons and two daughters. Six years ago she was bereft of her husband; and prior to that of two sons and her two daughters. At the early age of 16 she dedicated herself unto the Lord, and has ever since been a devoted child of God. Her former home was at Tyrone,

Pa. While in the East, and until a recent date she was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. For some five years past she made her home with her son Andrew McClure, of this city. About a year ago she placed her letter in the Grace Church. While she loved the church of which she had been a member for so many years, she was of a broad and generous spirit, and believed in the communion of saints. Her life was exemplary of the virtues and graces of a true child of God. Nothing afforded her more joy of heart, than to be present at the services of God's house, and enjoy the stated means of grace. She always found special delight in the service of song. She has now gone to join the great congregation above, where she shall forever enjoy the service of worship around the throne of God. She waited long and eagerly for the coming of the chariots of the Lord. At last her spirit has taken its flight, and she is now at rest with her loved ones in the home beyond. On Tuesday evening, Dec. 15th, at 7 o'clock, a brief service was held at the house, and 7:55 the remains, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. A. McClure, were taken to Tyrone, Pa., for burial. The surviving members of the family and relatives have the sympathy of their many friends and of the members of Grace Church, in their bereavement.

FRIENDSHIP is one of the greatest boons that life can have. As Bacon says, "it redoubleth joys and cutteth grief in halves." But where brotherhood is united with it it attains a still richer result; for then it has a world of memories and early associations in common—the mutual love of the same honored parents, the recollections of the same beloved home and of past scenes vividly impressed on the minds of both, in which no other friend however dear can possibly share.

EVERY one has a secret hope, though one was never realized. It is sent to a man as a sort of will 'o the wisp to keep him forever in pursuit of something, that he may forget how long and tiresome his journey is.

UNLESS you intend to go all the way to Heaven when you begin, you had better not start.

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Dec. 20—"Lovest Thou Me?" John  
21: 15-17. Eph 3: 17-19. Nora  
Romy.

Dec. 27—Consecration meeting.  
"Preparation for the Week of Prayer."  
Isa 62: 10; 1 Thess. 5: 17; Eph 6: 18.  
John Romy.

Jan. 3. Week of Prayer. "Thy  
Kingdom Come." Isa. 11: 9; John  
17: 18-23. Mrs. Chas Gumper.

Jan 10, "How to Obtain Peace."  
Isa. 26: 3; John 14: 27. Eugene  
Mathis.

Jan. 17, "The Foolishness of In-  
temperance." Isa. 58: 7; 1 Cor. 6:  
10. Birdie Saffern.

Jan. 24, "Special Answers to Pray-  
ers." Ps. 3: 4; Ex. 14: 14: 16.  
Etta Souder.

Jan. 31, Consecration Meeting. Lil-  
lie Walters.

**CHURCH ELECTION.**

Candidates nominated by the con-  
sistory:

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pected at this meeting. The Treas-  
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